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Letter dated 1 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the declaration of the European Council on the situation in Iraq, issued on 29 June 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 46 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Declaration on the situation in Iraq issued on 29 June 1991 by the European Council

The European Council remains concerned about the situation in Iraq and by the fate of civilian populations, in particular Kurds and Shi'ites, in the north and south-east of the country. It recalls its initiative of 8 April 1991 and welcomes the fact that the establishment of security zones in the north of Iraq has enabled a large number of Kurdish refugees to return. It expresses the wish that the refugees who have remained in Iran will soon be able in their turn to go back to their homes in complete security. It also recalls the major effort made by the European Community and its member States to come to the help of these populations.

The European Council marks its satisfaction at the important role played by the United Nations in the repatriation and re-establishment of refugees in their country. It underlines, in this context, the need to bring about as rapidly as possible the full deployment of the contingent of 500 United Nations guards. To facilitate this deployment, the European Council undertakes to meet the uncovered expenses of this operation between now and the end of the year. The European Council also acknowledges with satisfaction the contribution in men which certain member States have made to the contingent of United Nations guards.

The European Council notes the negotiations that are under way between the Iraqi authorities and leaders representatives of the Kurdish population. It hopes that these negotiations will lead rapidly to a satisfactory agreement and considers that it would be appropriate for the international community to give its support to such an agreement on the basis of resolution 688 (1991) of the Security Council.

The European Council considers that, as long as the Iraqi authorities fail to comply with their obligation fully and unequivocally to observe all the provisions of resolutions 687 (1991) and 688 (1991), the Security Council should not envisage lifting the sanctions imposed on Iraq. In this context, they strongly condemn the attempt by the Iraqi authorities not to reveal a part of the nuclear equipment of the country, in explicit contravention of resolution 687 (1991).